



## ***ELCON MEMBER OPPORTUNITIES***

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The Electricity Consumers Resource Council (ELCON), established in 1976, is the national association representing large, high-load, electricity users. ELCON is both a resource organization for corporate energy managers and an advocacy organization representing the views of member companies in legislative and regulatory arenas. ELCON companies believe that this year, 2003, will present many opportunities to participate in the policy making process. Large electricity users who are not ELCON members will not have the chance for their voices and the voices of their companies to be heard by policy makers.

Had your company been a member of ELCON this year...

- ***You could have joined*** key industrial electricity managers in both an in-depth discussion of current regulatory and legislative issues and at a Members-only Workshop on the formation of RTOs at ELCON's 27<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting in San Diego.
- ***You could have participated*** in several meetings with FERC commissioners and senior staff advocating that ISOs and RTOs cannot "reach through the meter" to control or assess charges on customer generation.
- ***You could have helped*** shape industrial filings at FERC relating to the proposed "Standard Market Design" (or SMD). ELCON Members: (1) supported FERC's proposals regarding RTO governance, demand response, market power mitigation, congestion revenue rights allocation, and the need for a customer-focused forward market; (2) opposed "participant funding" that would hinder the development of necessary transmission; (3) recommended that FERC require a showing of due diligence before granting market-based rate authorization; (4) opposed the creation of a third layer of regulation; (5) encouraged FERC to adopt a forward-looking resource adequacy requirement; and (6) supported the allocation of transmission rights to end-use customers.
- ***You could have participated*** in the process that provided industrial electricity consumers' views to Members of Congress as they debated such issues as PURPA, PUHCA, and market design.
- ***You could have joined*** in ELCON's advocacy at FERC urging the Commission to mandate the adoption of "gaming" and "anomalous market behavior" tariff provisions in all ISO and RTO tariffs.
- ***You could have helped draft*** ELCON's argument against PJM's policy that over-bills customers for transmission.
- ***You could have joined*** with ELCON in arguing that charges for the use of the transmission system must be based solely on customers' actual use of the grid – not on non-firm load as is presently done by Connectiv.
- ***You could have helped shape*** the ELCON filing urging FERC to delay the implementation of PJM's transmission rights auction proposal and to adopt only the minimum changes to the allocation process necessary to ensure that transmission rights follow load.

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